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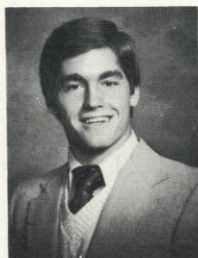
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## MBA GRAD, CHEERLEADER EMERGE UNSCATHED FROM ORDEAL

By Tom Wood



Ken Nichols



Joan Sorace



Dannie Beauchamp—Nashville Banner

Ken Nichols and Joan Sorace speak to reporters after escaping from captivity in the woods. Noting their filthy appearance after being chained to separate trees for three days, Joan suggested that the couple should "do a detergent commercial."

MBA graduate Ken Nichols and cheerleader Joan Sorace are safe at home now, seeking to resume normal lifestyles following a chilling 86-hour kidnapping drama.

The ordeal for the couple began after Mike Hutcherson's 19th birthday party on Saturday, August 8. Ken and Joan were saying their goodbyes in his car, parked in the driveway of her Steeplechase Lane home, when a masked gunman leaped into the backseat of the 18-year-old's 1978 Olds Delta 88 and ordered him to drive toward Cheatham County. The couple was led to a remote hillside in southern Cheatham County and handcuffed to trees in the snake- and insect-infested woods.

The teenagers' families became alarmed when they failed to return home Sunday, and their fears were realized when a note demanding a \$60,000 ransom was found taped to a Cadillac in a driveway on West Tyne Boulevard. The kidnappers had reportedly intended to abduct Joan's stepisters and ask for \$300,000 dollars. Her stepfather is Nashville businessman Jack Ham, who was the government's chief witness in the conspiracy trial of former Governor Ray Blanton and two aides. A portion of the ransom note, written in Joan's own hand, read, "Ham this is punishment... there are people that hate squealers. That is why this is."

Because of the connection with

the Blanton trial, the disappearance received a tremendous amount of attention from the press. The media, however, did not report the case as a kidnapping at the request of the police, who feared for the couple's safety if the public's attention were focused on the case. When Nichols' car was found Monday, however, it was evident to all that the couple had been abducted.

The reaction from their associates was one of shock and deep concern. Joan's friends delivered flowers and food to her distraught mother, Mrs. Kathryn Ham. Ken's friends, including Kevin Duffey, Earl Beasley, David Tune, Terry Cashion, and Don Brothers, kept a 24-hour vigil with the Nichols family at their Hillside Drive home. On Sunday, Tune flew over a large part of the Davidson-Williamson County area in his father's private airplane at his own expense, searching for the car.

The ransom note prescribed a complicated system of delivery of the cash, and Joan's father, Assistant Metro Police Chief John Sorace, made the first attempt at a dropoff on Monday night. Sorace and Joan's uncle, Lt. John Ross, floated down the Cumberland River in a skiff with Ross hidden in the hold. Dense fog, however, prevented them from making contact with the abductors.

Meanwhile, Joan and Ken remained shackled to the trees, with only a few candy bars and two jugs of water for sustenance. Then on Tuesday, Joan discovered that

she could trick the kidnapper into letting her handcuff herself back to the tree after she had been briefly unshackled. Using a trick her father taught her, she put the cuffs on loosely enough to be able to slide her small hand through them. But she stayed with Ken, fearing that he would be endangered if she ran away.

Tuesday night, an exhausted John Sorace tried again to make a ransom; this time he was to walk down a lonely train track outside Gallatin carrying a lantern and the \$60,000 dollars. This he did for several hours; but to no avail. Sorace, exhausted and frustrated, went home to sleep for the first time in several days.

A phone call to the Nichols' home at about 4:00 Wednesday morning informed the sleepless family that the second drop had failed. "The mood at that time was one of frustration," said Kevin Duffey. "After the first drop we weren't so worried; we knew they would try to get their money again. But after the second time there wasn't much we could do except sit and wait and hope—and pray."

Those prayers were soon answered. The elder Sorace was roused from his brief and restless sleep at 10:00 Wednesday morning by a phone call informing him that his daughter was safe and unharmed. At daybreak, the couple had decided that Joan would run for it. She arrived at the

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## New Teachers Complement MBA Faculty

By Robert Cooney

There are six new faces among the faculty for this year. Two of them, however, are returning to MBA after having been a part of our community in the past. One served on the faculty in the early 70's. The other is an MBA alumnus. Also among the six new faculty members is the school's third speech and debate coach in as many years. Rounding out this group is a new science teacher, a new Latin teacher, and a new English teacher.

Mr. Bobby Morel is returning to MBA after having taught here in 1972-73. He left here to go into family business but he has now decided to return to teaching. Mr. Morel, a graduate of Tennessee, will be teaching 7th grade social studies.

Mrs. Jo Palmore, another UT graduate, will teach high school English. At the University of Tennessee she received her BA and her MA. Before moving to Nashville, she taught for eight years at Farragut High School in Knoxville.

MBA alumnus Damon Regen is another one of the new faces among the faculty. After graduating from MBA, Regen

received his BE from Vanderbilt. He has most recently completed a five year teaching stint at Franklin Road Academy. Mr. Regen is the older brother of Russ Regen, who was a member of the class of '80. A multi-talented individual, he will be teaching mathematics and coaching. His coaching duties will include football, wrestling, and baseball.

Mr. John Saclarides will be teaching science and math in the high school and coaching younger teams. Mr. Saclarides has his BS from the University of the South and has been doing graduate work in Florida.

A fifth new member of the faculty will be Mr. John Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson graduated from Vanderbilt where he received his BA. Here at MBA, Mr. Stevenson will teach Latin.

Mr. Tom Sullivan is the new speech and debate coach. Mr. Sullivan has a BS from the University of Wisconsin and is coming to us from Newark Academy in New Jersey. He has also taught at Lakeland High School in New York state and Pius XI high school in Milwaukee. Headmaster Gordon Bondurant said that "Mr. Sullivan comes to us highly recommended and that he

should be a fine asset to the speech and debate program." The choice of Sullivan is especially important considering MBA's tradition of excellence in this area.

Mr. Bondurant had words of praise for each new member of the faculty. The headmaster feels that each of the new faculty will be an asset to MBA.

The addition of the six faculty will replace those members of last year's faculty who did not return, while adding one additional member to the faculty. A new position has been created in the science department in an effort to reduce the size of the science classes. Many of these classes were terribly overcrowded last year.

### From the Editors

With this issue, The Bell Ringer embarks on a new era of responsible journalism. We the Editors intend to make YOUR student newspaper a publication which meets the standard of excellence which epitomizes Montgomery Bell Academy. Compare this issue with the first issue last year. See the difference? Last year's meaningless "filler" stories, stale writing, and dead news are no more, and we intend to halt the



Tom Wood

MBA's new faculty members (L. to R.): Mr. Tom Sullivan, Mrs. Jo Palmore, Mr. Bobby Morel, Mr. John Saclarides, Mr. John Stevenson, Mr. Damon Regen.

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literary decline which has characterized this publication for several years. We hope you will find it interesting, informative, and maybe even amusing. We want the student body, faculty, and administration to consider this an open invitation—we invite your criticism, and we invite your contributions in the form of letters to the Editor, articles, or photographs.

This year, there will be a new publication at MBA, a literary magazine. Robert Cooney and Kevin Drury will be the editors. They have been working for several months on the magazine and need your support. So, write a story or a poem, or submit a photograph or drawing. Contests for this material will be announced soon, as will a contest to name the magazine. Additionally, the magazine is looking for people who can type or help with layout.



Joe C. Davis

## Davis Reveals Campus Expansion Plans

By Tom Wood

On August 11, The Bell Ringer interviewed Joe C. Davis, Chairman of MBA's Board of Trust. Mr. Davis is a 1937 graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy and a 1941 graduate of Vanderbilt University. A longtime member of the Board, he was elected Chairman in 1979 following the retirement of Mr. John E. Sloan.

Mr. Davis commented that the Board's role in guiding MBA is to

set school policy, and to insure that the school is financially sound. "The day-to-day running of the school," he said, "must be left to the Headmaster and the teachers." Asked about the Board's role in setting curriculum, he said that they "could have a say in deciding the curriculum, but it has basically been set by years and years of tradition."

The Bell Ringer asked Mr. Davis what the Board of Trust's reaction would be to increased governmental pressure to establish greater racial parity at MBA. During the Carter administration, it was proposed that private schools without a certain percentage of minority students be stripped of their tax-exempt status. Davis commented, however, that no affirmative-action programs were foreseen at MBA. "We have tried, and are still trying, to get some minority students, although we have very few at the present time. We can't afford to lose that tax-exempt status, but I know it is not a serious problem at MBA," said Davis.

A major portion of the interview was devoted to the upcoming development of the school-owned land between the creek and Brighton and Wilson Boulevards. The privately owned land on the block has been given to MBA,

which has access to it whenever it is needed. Mr. Davis indicated that an architectural plan had been drawn up, and said, "We hope to develop that plan; we can't do it until we have the money." He would not comment on a projected starting date or projected cost.

Mr. Davis said that the plan called for building new classroom buildings, as well as possibly renovating the Science Building. He stated that the new classrooms will not necessarily result in more students, because "we're so crowded now that the teachers don't have a place to do their work... so we think that additional classrooms are our first priority." The Bell Ringer asked Mr. Davis if a separate building would be constructed to house the Junior School. "That has been talked about," he said, "but we really have not made a hard decision on it. But we do know we are going to add some classrooms."

The Bell Ringer then broached the time-worn question of coeducation at MBA. Mr. Davis' comments: "We are going to add some classrooms, but no thought has been given to (expansion for the sake of) coeducation. It has been talked about in the past, and the Board's general opinion is 'If

it's not broke, don't fix it.' MBA is a good school as it is, and we see no reason to 'monkey' with it. Harpeth Hall fills the need for an outstanding girls' school, and we don't want to intrude into their territory. The disposition of the Board is not to make MBA a coed school."

Mr. Davis also commented on the other half of the campus development plan: the dramatic revampment of MBA's athletic facilities. After several State Championships in baseball and soccer, those squads are at last slated to receive first-class on-campus facilities. New track and field facilities are also planned. There is a possibility that the aged Frank Andrews Field will be either revamped or replaced entirely, and that some tennis courts may be removed and replaced elsewhere.

Davis spoke of these changes as things that "We HOPE" to do; the development is not a certainty at present, and will not be undertaken until the Board has money in hand.

In closing the interview, Mr. Davis stated that "the number one priority at MBA is academics, followed by discipline all else is secondary. As long as we continue to stress those two areas, the school will be in good hands."

## Forensics Future Fortuitous

By Wyatt Wells

This summer the debate team has been hard at work, both completing last year's season and preparing for this year's. In June, the team of Lyn Robbins and Matt Cassell competed in the National Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah, where they compiled a 5-7 record against the best teams from all over the country. This year's debate topic was chosen there. The convention resolved that the Federal Government should establish minimal educational standards for elementary and secondary schools. Soon after the National Tournament ended, debaters began to go to debate workshops to research and to practice debating the new resolution. Lyn Robbins went to the Baylor University Workshop;

John Heer, to the University of Alabama Workshop; Sam Chang, Bryan Hassel, Ty Brown, and Griffin Vincent, to the University of Louisville Workshop; and Robert Brandon, Craig Franklin and Wyatt Wells, to the Georgetown University Workshop. The debate team is not changing much. The team loses only the graduating Matt Cassell and one other person. Unfortunately, the other person is Mr. Kidwell, who has joined the foreign service. His replacement is Mr. Thomas Sullivan, the successful coach from Newark Academy in Newark, New Jersey. The combination of a large number of experienced debaters and Mr. Sullivan's wide experience as a coach gives good reason to expect success from the debate team this year.

## KIDNAPPING...

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home of Mickey O'Brien, who owned the land on which they were detained. Joan was very upset, both because she was worried about Nichols' safety and because she had no way of knowing whether O'Brien was affiliated with the abductors. Contrary to published reports, however O'Brien did not find her cowering in terror under his pickup truck. Joan hid briefly behind the truck when a car passed on the road, then approached the house and contacted authorities.

After several anxious hours of searching the dense woods, Joan led police to the site where Ken was chained to a tree and he was freed at 12:30 that afternoon.

The publicity surrounding the case was a story within a story and, for the couple and the families, almost an ordeal within an ordeal. The novelty of front-page stories in the Nashville Banner, a 25-minute feature on WSM's Scene at Six, and the ubiquitous horde of reporters that accompany such notoriety soon wore off. When the efforts of Cheatham, Davidson, and Williamson County law enforcement agencies (as well as the FBI) failed to produce an arrest, the media's interest soon waned and the couple was left to resume their lives unmolested.

Joan Sorace, now a senior at St. Cecilia Academy, will be a

familiar sight on campus this year as an MBA cheerleader. She served as a wrestling cheerleader last year at MBA and is a member of the Math Club and the National Honor Society at St. Cecilia.

Ken Nichols plans to attend Vanderbilt University this fall. Nichols served as treasurer of his senior class and held the same position in the Alpha Chi Fraternity. While at MBA, he became known for his athletic tendencies (varsity football and basketball) as well as his ever-present and occasionally obnoxious wit. (Ken's Steve Martin impressions are legendary on The Hill.) Characteristically, his first words to his mother after being freed were "Hi Mom; I'm sorry I'm late."

## Honor Council's Plans for Year

By David White

This year's Honor Council, like those councils in the past, will strive to promote an atmosphere of honesty and integrity on the MBA campus. The Honor System was created in 1945 to discourage lying, cheating, and stealing. Our duty as the Honor Council is to hear cases of violations to the Honor System and then to recommend to the faculty and administration a suitable punishment for the guilty. The Honor Council is independent from the faculty. The council makes its own decisions without influence from the faculty; however the final decision on the Honor Council has to be approved by the faculty.

Already nine members have been elected to the Honor Council. The two sophomore representatives are Buddy Knight and John Harrison. The three junior representatives are Steve Maler, Lon Whiteaker, and John Levy. Finally, the senior officers and representative are president David White, vice-president Mabo Kono, secretary Steve Anderson, and representative Gordon

Strayhorn. Three members of the Honor Council remain unelected, two freshman representatives and one junior school representative, who will be elected at the beginning of school.

The council's major goals are set on the improving the format or an Honor Council meeting. First, there is going to be a more serious attitude among Honor Council members. The seriousness of a meeting is a major factor in a case. Second, we hope to become fairer to the accused by defining among the council what the punishments warning and probation mean, and establishing a format for a meeting. Third, the Honor Council wants to improve the student body Honor Council relationship. First by reporting to the student body more often, and second encouraging students to give input as to their feelings and ideas about the Honor Council.

Finally, of course, the Honor Council cannot work without the concern of all on the MBA campus. We hope all of the MBA students will continue to have a good sense of honor and integrity.

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# SUMMER SHOTS...





The 1981-82 cheerleaders: (first row) Elizabeth Graves, Beth Hogue; (second row) Heidi Wallace, Elizabeth P'Pool, Kate Kirkpatrick, Alisa Scobey, Joan Sorace; (third row) Wade Wilkinson, Russell Jones, Frank Andrews, Robert McConnell, Rich Good, Steve Anderson, and John Hitt.

## Outing Club Plans Trips

By Robert Cooney

Planning is underway and expectations are again very high for another successful year for the Outing Club. The club's advisor, Mr. Jim Womack, is expecting the outing club to have its best year in this its' third year of existence.

Plans now call for a variety of different activities including caving, hiking, rafting, skiing, and bicycling. Womack pointed out that "the same activities of the previous years would take place with variations for those who have been in the program before."

Womack said that "the program would certainly include backpacking trips, most likely to North Carolina, and rafting trips. He expects the club to make a return trip to the Chattooga and the Ocoee Rivers.

This year's skiing trips will most likely be to Indiana. Womack said "there are several fine ski resorts in Southern Indiana and it will work out better than Wolf Laurel." He pointed out that they would be able to go up and back in one day and therefore the cost would be less. It would still give the students

the same amount of skiing time.

One of the projects Womack is hoping will work out is a bicycling trip. "Nothing fancy, according to Womack, "just a local thing." But he said the whole idea would depend on student support.

The schedule as it is now tentatively set up calls for a rafting trip on the Ocoee in September. October is expected to bring a hiking trip in western North Carolina. In November Womack expects the club to make another hiking trip. January and February will be devoted to skiing, with a cave trip for March. The Chattooga trip will probably be in April again.

Womack wants to encourage anyone who has not been previously involved to join, if you are in grades 9-12. Even if you don't have equipment you should feel free to join anyway. Efforts are always made to find equipment. Womack wants to encourage anyone who is interested to come see him or to look through the photo albums reviewing the club's first two years. Dues are only \$5 and are due by the end of September.

## \*hear & there\*

By Scott Towels

LOOK for a new release from the CHARLIE DANIELS BAND just prior to the Volunteer Jam in January... incidentally, it would be advisable to purchase tickets to VOLJAM VIII by mail-order before they are distributed to retail outlets. They go fast... stay tuned for albums in the next few months from JOHN PRINE, Nashville's WHITE ANIMALS, and a STEPHEN STILLS-GRAHAM NASH Duo... here's betting college-visitation trips to Southwestern become rampant if the ROLLING STONES' impending North American tour rolls through Memphis... two previous Stones' tours hit Memphis (1978) and Murfreesboro (1975)... upcoming

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
KELLY**  
from The Editors



live album from BILLY JOEL may help restore his musical credibility—let's hope so... DAVID BOWIE planning to go into studio with John Lennon-Alice Cooper producer Jack Douglas. Rumor has it that Bowie's album will feature David MacKain on guitar... after months in the studio, still no product from the XYZ BAND (ex-Yes and Zepelin), consisting of LED ZEPPELIN's Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, and John Paul Jones, as well as former YES members Chris Squire and Alan White... if you haven't seen a KDF LASER SHOW, don't miss the current Led Zeppelin show—a truly mind-expanding experience, and at \$1.00 admission, a great cheap date... back home in Tampa after completing studio work in L.A. is the HENRY PAUL BAND. Their third album on Atlantic Records is tentatively titled RUNNING WITH THE REBELS, scheduled for a September release...

## Cheerleaders Do It Dawgstyle at Georgia

By Steve Anderson  
and Rich Good

"Why are all these girls screaming?" John Hitt exclaimed as the MBA cheerleaders arrived at the University of Georgia cheerleading camp in July to prepare for this year.

On July 29, the cheerleaders took a seven-hour trip to Georgia beginning at 6:00 a.m. (We should have left at 5:00, but only two people showed up on time). The faculty sponsors, Mr. Carter and Dr. Thomas, had no idea how many gray hairs they were to gain on the cheerleaders' four-day adventure.

At 1:30 that day, the MBA cheerleaders rambled into the metropolis of Athens, Georgia. John Hitt had to utilize all the wealth of knowledge he had received in the small town of Quebec, Tennessee in order to acquire directions to the proper dormitory. To our grand surprise, we had totally missed registration; therefore, we ventured to the

University of Georgia Coliseum to meet one thousand screaming cheerleaders from the local Georgia farm towns. After this late arrival, the group of cheerleaders accepted as common practice to be as late as possible to every conceivable part of cheerleading practice (including the boogie class). For this reason and others, the cheerleaders incurred the wrath of nicknamed camp attenders Baby-face and a local Indian friend Pocohontas, the camp director (or should we say chieftain).

Through the next four days, we survived on John Hitt's jokes and Heidi Wallace's non-stop laughter. In addition, our girls learned why they should not speak to strangers. By the time we finally departed, the national champion Georgia Bulldog football team believed not only that Heidi and Mr. Carter were married but also that Mr. Carter strapped on shoulder pads for the Vandy black and gold.

On a serious note, the camp

gave the MBA cheerleaders the opportunity to practice for the first time and the chance to get to know each other. We learned a lot while having a great time.

Unfortunately, but mercifully, Saturday morning marked the time for departure when ever we could wake up Robert McConnell. As we were finally leaving the city limits, John just could not resist shouting to one more bystander, "How 'bout them Dawgs?"

**Editors' Note:** The 1981-82 MBA cheerleaders who went to cheerleading camp during the summer were elected last May. The boy cheerleaders are seniors Steve Anderson, Rich Good, John Hitt, Russell Jones, and Frank Andrews and juniors Robert McConnell and Wade Wilkinson. The girl cheerleaders are Harpeth Hall seniors Beth Hogue, Elizabeth P'Pool, and Alisa Scobey and St. Cecilia seniors Joan Sorace and Kate Kirkpatrick; as well as Harpeth Hall juniors Elizabeth Graves and Heidi Wallace.

## THE MUSIC SCENE

### ★★★ Muzikwiz ★★★

By Anita Cole Bier

With this issue we institute what I hope will become a regular feature. This musical quiz contains a section devoted to trivia and a section for identification of lines from songs. Correct answers will be posted within a week, and those with perfect scores will be recognized in the following issue of the Bell Ringer.

—Part 1: Trivia

1. Name a guitarist for the Jefferson Airplane who is not now with Jefferson Starship.

2. Which of the following did not at some time record with Eric Clapton?—Duane Allman, Steve Winwood, Bobby Whitlock, Jimi Hendrix, Jeff Beck, Jimmy Page, The Beatles.

3. Name two Beatles songs which inspired Charles Manson.

4. Name Gregg Allman's earliest hit song.

5. Who played fiddle on Jefferson Starship's Red Octopus album?

6. Linda Ronstadt's first backup group?

7. Name 3 Van Zant brothers and each one's band.

8. Name the movie about conflicting "Mods" and "Rockers."

9. The Quarrymen included all the \_\_\_\_\_ except \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Who was the self-proclaimed "Lizard King"?

11. The author of "Like a Rolling Stone" took his name from what poet?

12. From which group did 3 founding members of Journey come?

13. Name a financially-successful Rock Festival featuring Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, and Otis Redding.

14. Name the Led Zeppelin song which reveals Satanic references when played backwards; also give two words of that message; also name chalet in which it was recorded.

15. Name the son of the author of "Heartbreak Hotel."

—Part 2: Identifying song quotations

By title and original author-group

1. "Did a bump and somebody screamed - You should have heard just what I seen"

2. "Where the huskies go"

3. "No one here gets out alive"

4. "I hope we're not too messianic - Or a trifle too Satanic"

5. "The traffic lights, they turn blue tomorrow"

6. "She got wonderful eyes - And a Risque mouth"

7. "An outlaw is a man who never understands a word called danger"

8. "They'll tell you black is really white - The Moon is just the sun at night"

9. "Special Knowledge holds rue, bears believing"

10. "And in the end, the love you take - Is equal to the love you make"

—Turn answers in to Tom Wood or Martin Brown.

## Journey's Escape

By Frank Bennett

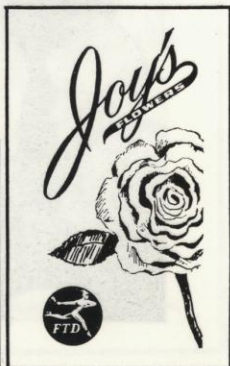
Following their highly successful live album *Captured*, Journey has come out with a new album, *Escape*. *Escape* is a blend of both laid-back and energetic music dominated by high-powered lead vocalist Steve Perry and lead guitarist Neal Schon. Some of the more spirited songs on the album include "Stone In Love," "Lay It Down," and the title track "Escape," while songs such as "Who's Cryin' Now" and "Open Arms" are much more laid-back. Because of the loss of their keyboardist-vocalist Greg Rolie who is now touring full-time with Santana, Journey acquired a new group member in Jonathan Cain, formerly with the Babys, on keyboards, guitar, and vocals. It will be interesting to see how this personnel change will affect the group, especially on tour. In general, the new album *Escape* shares the characteristics of the latest Journey albums *Evolution* and *Departure*; however, in my opinion, *Escape* does not match Journey's best album *Infinity*, which may disappoint some Journey listeners.

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# Cross Country Seeks State Title

By Martin Brown



Cross Country Coach Michael Drake tells the team a course for a grueling practice in Percy Warner Park.

## From the Files of The Bell Ringer:

November, 1970

### New Light On Lushion

It is an unexpected fact that mild-mannered Lushion Williams, so often seen cutting the grass or serving lunch, fought for three years in the South Pacific in World War II. After finishing basic training in Ozark, Alabama, Lushion joined the 903rd Air Base Security Battalion, which was akin to the Military Police; the battalion was to take over all aspects of the running of an airfield.

First Lushion and his group were shipped to the airfield in the Fiji Islands, which was a large base acting as a major depot for the South Pacific. Next Lushion went to the airfield on the New Hebrides, near the area where the Army sent their leprosy victims to die a painful but unavoidable death.

Lushion and his group gladly left the Hebrides for the air base at Guadalcanal. Lushion arrived in the midst of hard fighting and heavy bombing, necessary to dislodge the well dug-in Japs. As the American forces came steadily closer to ultimate victory, Lushion moved again; his next post was Mondur in the New Georgia Islands, near Bougainville. Each day five hundred

planes took off from the Mondur airfield. From Mondur, Lushion finally went to New Guinea, where for three months, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. each day, he and his fellow soliders were bombed by the Japanese. "We had to stand up, sleep in foxholes, for three months. We didn't even touch a bed for three months."

All these arduous and necessary deeds were quietly and efficiently carried out by Lushion. He refused to glorify anything, saying that he had only done his job; however, Lushion was awarded three battle stars and was promoted to the rank of corporal, after he had twice turned the promotion down.

Many graduates and several teachers from MBA have made valuable contributions to America's war efforts. Yet Lushion has never mentioned his career to the students. Now it is easier to understand why Lushion is so likeable and respected; indeed, Lushion Williams is a hero on and off campus.

In an interview with varsity Cross Country Coach Michael Drake and team captains Rich Good and Steve Stevens The Bell Ringer discovered the team plans to win the state championship.

Although last year's team was runner-up in both the N.I.L. and the Region, the team is looking beyond these meets and towards the state championship. Coach Drake said, "With this team's talent, that is a reasonable goal." He added, "I would be very disappointed if we did not win both the N.I.L. and the region."

When asked about the competition, Coach Drake restated his belief that MBA would be better than most teams. "Overton, which has a good team nucleus returning along with Billy Porter, and Hillwood will be our major N.I.L. competition," he said. "Oak Ridge is the odds-on favorite to win the state championship, but MBA can win the state if the team is motivated, has good health, and has some luck," he commented.

The coach does not believe the delay in starting public schools will hurt most of the competition. "The good teams have been practicing anyway during the summer and will not be hurt much," he said.

Coach Drake discussed the team's training. He said, "The team has a long way to go now, but it is better trained than most teams have been this early." He added, "I have been very pleased with the turnout for this year's team."

With six out of last year's top seven runners returning, Coach Drake is expecting more from this year's team than last year's. "In Allen Moore, I feel we have potentially the best runner in middle Tennessee and one of the best in the state," he said. The coach also expects winning times from Walt Zibas. He said, "This is one of the first times we have had a good pack of runners and two team members who can run with the best." Coach Drake said seniors Rich Good, Steve Stevens, and Martin Brown with juniors Moore, Zibas, and Robert McConnell are expected to run well. When asked

about new team members, the coach said John Dale may be one of the top five team members, and he expects Saeed Fakhruddin, a track veteran, to help the team. Coach Drake also believes freshman Pat Rau and Scott Garfinkel have a lot of potential, and he stressed the fact that it is not too late for other standouts to appear.

Co-captain Rich Good also is setting the team goal to be the state champions. He says this is attainable if the top five team members can break 16:00 on the three-mile Steeplechase course.

Steve Stevens, the other captain, wants to keep the team motivated and wants to promote team spirit. He said, "We have the talent to have a good team, but we need to have fun to get the most out of the team."

With such a strong and optimistic team, MBA cross country fans can look forward to the 1981 season. The runners hope to have support from the students.

Tentative J. V. Football Schedule	
Sept. 17	Overton
Sept. 24	Father Ryan
Oct. 1	Hillwood
Oct. 22	Antioch
Oct. 29	Hillsboro
Nov. 5	Glenciff
Home games	

Microbe Football	
Sept. 10	F.R.A.
Sept. 16	Ezell-Harding
Sept. 25	Ensworth
Sept. 30	Page
Oct. 9	Northside
Oct. 16	Brentwood
Home games.	
Games are at 3:30.	

Tentative Freshman Football Schedule	
Sept. 17	Hillsboro
Sept. 24	Overton
Oct. 1	Northside
Oct. 8	Apollo
Oct. 15	Hillwood
Oct. 22	Glenciff
Oct. 29	Father Ryan
Home games. All home games played at 4:00.	



The Cross Country team sets out in Percy Warner Park on a daily workout.

### Varsity Cross Country Saturday Meet Schedule

Sept. 19— Antioch Invitational  
Sept. 26— A.F. Bridges Invitational  
Oct. 3— Bradshaw Invitational  
Oct. 19— N.I.L. Meet (on Monday)  
Oct. 31— Region VI Meet  
Nov. 7— State Meet

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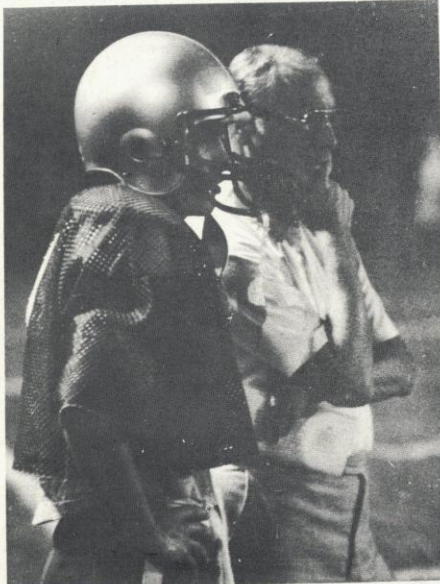
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# Owen: First Three Games Crucial

By Tom Wood



Veteran MBA Coach Tommy Owen advises quarterback Bobby Morales.



Hale Hooper jukes a Beech defender in a recent scrimmage. The Big Red takes on Springfield tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Bell Ringer recently talked with veteran MBA football coach Tommy Owen about his thoughts on the coming season. The Nashville Banner picked the Big Red to finish third in District II-AAA behind Ryan and Overton, and we sought his reaction to the Banner poll's projection:

"Based on the returning players, that's realistic. Overton returns about 90 percent of the people that played for them last year. We have 10 lettermen returning and lost our whole offensive line, plus two quarterbacks and a good part of our defense, so I think third place is realistic. I certainly hope we're not going to finish that low, but from a preseason standpoint, I'd have to go along with that assumption."

Asked about his opinion of this team's unity and cohesion together, Coach Owen pointed out that he really was unable to tell until the team faced tough opposition. "I think we have excellent leadership capabilities out there," he said; "it's a question of whether they're gonna step forward and lead. That is something we're working on."

Owen mentioned that the squad's weakness is in the trenches—particularly the offensive line. He expressed the hope that some of the "eager young bodies" on the line would refine their skills more fully as the season progresses. He considers this year's team somewhat weaker overall than several previous years, but feels that what the team lacks in size, it may make up for in quickness and mobility.

The Bell Ringer asked Coach Owen if he was worried about the lack of experience at quarterback, where sophomore Jeff Gaw and junior Bobby Morales will share playing time. "I feel very confident in both quarterbacks," said Owen. "Jeff is a little stronger runner; Bobby probably throws the ball a little better. I think both will be good quarterbacks before the season's over. I hope they'll both be very good in the opening game, but we just can't tell at this point. Naturally, you would like to have a quarterback who has played a full season, but that's not the way it is. I really feel that our quarterbacks are a little ahead of

where we were this time last year."

Coach Owen noted that the Big Red's receiving corps was fairly solid, with returning starter Ken Downey at split end and the talented trio of Mark Hastings, Hale Hooper, and Gil Graham sharing time at flanker. He praised the receiving talents of tight ends Clay Young, George Smith, and Matt Drury, although the team lacks size and strength at that position.

Asked whether 223-pound fullback Billy Rolfe would carry most of the backfield load for MBA, Owen replied: "We try to run a balanced running attack, but the defense will have to be concerned with Rolfe. When he's not running the ball, he's gonna look like he has it a lot of the time, on the belly series plays."

Owen expressed confidence in backup fullback David White, as well as tailbacks David Rader, Hardy Burch, Lex Harvey, and Buddy Knight. "If anything happened to Billy," he said, "and we had to start David White, I think he'd do a very good job."

The Bell Ringer queried Coach Owen on his reaction to the departure of Assistant Coaches Robert Gideon and Floyd Elliott. Coach Gideon has entered private business, while Coach Elliott now coaches for his alma mater,

Gallatin High School. Owen's reply: "They were both young coaches, and I sure hated to lose them, because they had been with me four years and they knew the system. But the people who replaced them, just from the standpoint of experience as players, have an advantage over both Coach Elliott and Coach Gideon. Coach Bobby Morel was an outstanding noseman at Tennessee, and Coach Damon Regen, of course, played here at MBA and went on to be a starting linebacker on Vandy's 1974 Peach Bowl Team. That sort of experience is invaluable in coaching. I think they will both do a fine job for us."

Coach Owen also explained why the Big Red will play Father Ryan twice this year: "It was mostly a case of both schools having an open date that they couldn't fill. The closest other school I found that had that date (September 18) open was in Indianapolis, and that's a little far to go. So the TSSAA allowed us to schedule that as a non-district game. Both games will be played at Dudley Field."

In closing, Coach Owen assessed his team's prospects for the year: "They'll have to come out of the blocks pretty fast. We open with Springfield, and they had a pretty good year in 1980. Then we take on Overton and Ryan back-to-back, so we'll find out real quickly how good we are."

## Varsity Football Faces Rugged Schedule

By Ken Downey

The 1981 football season should be a great challenge for the Big Red. Some say that the team faces one of the hardest schedules in the history of the school. The first four games include Springfield, Overton, arch-rival Ryan, and Hillwood.

Springfield, tonight's opponent in the season opener at Frank Andrews Field, finished a strong 8-3 in 1980. The Yellow Jackets sport a talented team highlighted by speedy backs LeRoy Foster and Ray Johnson and quarterback Barry Porter. Having upset Clinic Bowl Champs Gallatin last year, the Yellow Jackets should prove a worthy adversary for MBA.

The season's second game finds MBA journeying into the lair of the Overton Bobcats, who return 20 lettermen including hefty backs

Charles Bell and Phil Hord. Some writers claim that Overton is Father Ryan's strongest challenger in our District II-AAA. This statement in itself should give the Big Red incentive to pick up a crucial District win.

The media's favorite, Father Ryan, is the squad's third challenge in a non-district game. Headed by the Miller brothers, junior QB Tony and Senior running back Jim, the Irish are the pick to run away with the District title. It is the Big Red's task to spoil Ryan's lofty expectations.

MBA's fourth contest is against Hillwood. Standout players for the Hilltoppers are quarterback Andy Craig, safety Chris Crawford, and tight end Jimmy Jocelyn. With many talented athletes, Hillwood may pose a threat to the Big Red.

The Varsity football team has

high hopes for the upcoming campaign, and with hard work and rowdy support from the student body the Big Red plans to plow through this murderous portion of the schedule with a 4-0 record.

### 1981 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*Sept. 4	Springfield
Sept. 11 x	Overton
Sept. 18 (Non-District)	Ryan
*Sept. 25 x	Hillwood
*Oct. 2	Knoxville Farragut
Oct. 9 x	Pearl
*Oct. 16 x (Homecoming)	Antioch
*Oct. 23 x	Hillsboro
Oct. 30 x	Glenciff
Nov. 6 x	Ryan

All home games: 7:30 p.m.

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